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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 10 September 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Gardelagen (U 53/Y 14) quartered a rear unit of about 50 men and an AT artillery unit of about 250 men who were quartered in 52 tents along the west side of the installation. Twelve AT guns were parked in the billeting area. [redacted] that a shipment of 170 air force soldiers and 39 trucks was sidetracked into the Fliegerhorst at 4 a.m. on 16 September. Prior to 10 September, the Remonteschule still quartered a rear detail of about 30 men and about 50 air force soldiers. *

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2. At 10 a.m. on 10 September, a shipment of 8 x 152-mm guns, 8 prime movers, 8 motorcycles, 2 radio trucks and about 30 trucks with numbers painted over was unloaded from 50 flatcars and 12 boxcars at the railroad station. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The unit marched toward the Letzing Heath in a southeasterly direction. At 3:30 p.m. on 16 September, a convoy carrying billeting equipment and soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets passed through Gardelagen from the direction of Salzwedel and proceeded toward Letzing Heath. [redacted]

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Comment. The occupation of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne and Remonteschule remained the same as compared with previous reports. It is noteworthy that the AT artillery unit reported [redacted] to have been quartered in tents along the west side of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne since the beginning of July 1952 was still there in mid-September without utilizing the vacant quarters of the installation. The air force soldiers possibly belong to a construction unit as, according to another report, labors for the enlargement of Gardelagen airfield were recruited by the Otendal labor office.

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